

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed May 27, 2004.

The Examiner has rejected all claims in the application under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicant has filed herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and submits that that rejection is thereby overcome.

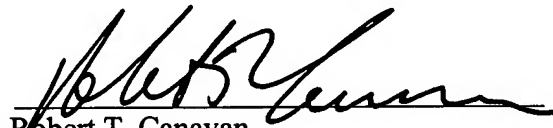
*Conclusion*

Applicants therefore respectfully assert that claims 1-31 are now in condition for allowance, and earnestly request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present case, the Examiner should not hesitate in contacting the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully,

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